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Since the commencement of the current conflict in the Middle East, the United States has sought to end the fighting and to do so in a way which would establish the basis for a more durable peace in the area. To achieve these ends, the United States has undertaken extensive diplomatic efforts with the major powers and the parties to the conflict. In addition, we have pointed out the need for restraint and a spirit of cooperation to avoid the inherent dangers of the conflict spreading to involve the great powers.

Unfortunately, during the last four days the Soviet Union has carried out a massive airlift of military equipment to the Arab belligerents. The United States has watched these developments with great restraint and without reacting. The continuation and acceleration of these heavy Soviet resupply activities, however, has left the United States no choice but to take limited emergency resupply measures itself.

It is only in response to this lack of restraint on the part of the Soviet Union, which threatens to intensify and prolong rather than restrain the conflict, that the United States has undertaken this action. The United States will continue its diplomatic efforts to bring about a settlement to this conflict. We again ask that all parties measure their actions against the requirements of peace.

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